

**Illinois Youth Survey  
2010 County Report: Macon County**

**Number of IYS 2010  
Respondents**

	N		
	6th	8th	Total
Grade	580	513	1093

**Age**

	6th		8th	
	Avg	N	Avg	N
How old are you?	11.7	577	13.8	513

**Gender**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
Female	49%	286	50%	257
Male	51%	292	50%	256

**Race/Ethnicity**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
White	45%	259	46%	234
Black / African American	35%	203	31%	157
Latino / Latina	2%	10	2%	9
Asian American	1%	5	1%	6
Native American / American Indian	2%	11	2%	8
Multi-racial	12%	68	15%	76
Other	3%	19	5%	24

**Living Arrangement**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
Both parents	38%	220	36%	185
Parent and step parent	16%	91	18%	94
Mother only	32%	183	30%	153
Father only	3%	18	5%	24
Legal Guardian	6%	32	4%	22
Foster parent	1%	8	2%	12
Group home or residential care	1%	3	0%	1
Other	4%	24	4%	22

**At school are you eligible to receive:**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
Free lunch	61%	351	57%	291
Reduced lunch price	15%	85	11%	57
Neither	24%	139	32%	163

**About how many days are you absent from school during an entire year?**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
0 - 9 days	79%	453	73%	373
10 - 19 days	19%	108	22%	111
20 - 30 days	2%	12	4%	21
More than 30 days	1%	4	1%	6

**If you wanted to get the following, how difficult would it be to get?**

		Very hard	Sort of hard	Sort of easy	Very easy
		%	%	%	%
6th	Alcohol	70%	14%	10%	6%
	Cigarettes	67%	15%	9%	10%
	Marijuana	80%	10%	4%	6%
8th	Alcohol	40%	20%	22%	18%
	Cigarettes	43%	14%	17%	26%
	Marijuana	40%	19%	22%	19%
	Drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines	75%	13%	6%	6%

**How wrong would most adults (over 21) in your neighborhood think it is for kids your age to:**

		Very wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not wrong at all
		%	%	%	%
6th	Drink alcohol?	65%	21%	9%	5%
	Smoke cigarettes?	66%	17%	12%	5%
	Use marijuana?	75%	14%	7%	4%
8th	Drink alcohol?	47%	27%	16%	10%
	Smoke cigarettes?	49%	22%	18%	12%
	Use marijuana?	54%	20%	17%	9%

**In which of the following activities do you participate?**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
School sports team	51%	249	52%	224
Other sports	65%	319	57%	247
Scouting	15%	74	5%	21
Boys and girls club	16%	79	11%	48
4-H club	5%	24	4%	19
Service or voluntary projects	23%	112	26%	111
Church youth group or other faith-based youth group	49%	242	49%	214
Other activities	20%	99	73%	317

**How safe do you feel in your neighborhood?**

	6th		8th	
	%	N	%	N
Very safe	54%	298	54%	279
Sort of safe	33%	182	32%	164
Sort of unsafe	9%	50	10%	50
Very unsafe	5%	26	4%	19

**How old were you when you first:**

		Never have	10 or younger	11	12	13	14	15
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%
8th	Smoked marijuana	72%	7%	4%	6%	6%	4%	1%
	Smoked a cigarette, even just a puff	69%	12%	4%	6%	7%	3%	0%
	Used any other tobacco product (chewing tobacco or cigars)	87%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%
	Had more than a sip or two of alcohol	51%	16%	6%	9%	12%	5%	1%
	Began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly (at least once or twice a month)	82%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	1%

**Cigarettes: Past month and Past Year**

		Not at all	Less than one cigarette per day	One to five cigarettes per day	About one-half pack per day	About one pack per day	About one and one-half packs per day	Two packs or more per day
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	PAST MONTH cigarette use	97%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	PAST YEAR cigarette use	94%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
8th	PAST MONTH cigarette use	90%	4%	4%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	PAST YEAR cigarette use	84%	6%	7%	2%	0%	0%	1%

**Other Tobacco Products: Past month and Past Year**

		Never	Once or twice	Once or twice per week	About once a day	More than once a day
		%	%	%	%	%
6th	PAST MONTH other tobacco products use	97%	2%	1%	0%	1%
	PAST YEAR other tobacco products use	97%	3%	1%	0%	0%
8th	PAST MONTH other tobacco products use	91%	3%	2%	2%	2%
	PAST YEAR other tobacco products use	85%	7%	4%	1%	3%

**Alcohol: Number of Occasions of Past month and Past Year use**

		0 Occasions	1 - 2 occasions	3 - 5 occasions	6 - 9 occasions	10 - 19 occasions	20 or more occasions
		%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	PAST MONTH alcohol use	90%	7%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	PAST YEAR alcohol use	84%	11%	2%	1%	1%	1%
8th	PAST MONTH alcohol use	76%	12%	5%	1%	3%	2%
	PAST YEAR alcohol use	62%	16%	9%	4%	4%	6%

**In the past 2 weeks, how many times have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?**

		None	Once	Twice	3-5 times	6-9 times	10 or more times
		%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	Binge drinking	96%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%
8th	Binge drinking	88%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%

**Illicit drugs: Number of Occasions of Past Month use**

		0 Occasions	1 - 2 occasions	3 - 5 occasions	6 - 9 occasions	10 - 19 occasions	20 or more occasions
		%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	PAST MONTH marijuana use	97%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	PAST MONTH inhalant use	95%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%
8th	PAST MONTH marijuana use	79%	9%	3%	2%	3%	5%
	PAST MONTH inhalant use	92%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%

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**Illicit drugs: Number of Occasions of Past Year use**

		0 Occasions	1 - 2 occasions	3 - 5 occasions	6 - 9 occasions	10 - 19 occasions	20 or more occasions
		%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	PAST YEAR marijuana use	95%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	PAST YEAR inhalant use	93%	5%	1%	1%	0%	1%
8th	PAST YEAR marijuana use	73%	7%	5%	3%	3%	10%
	PAST YEAR inhalant use	88%	5%	3%	1%	2%	2%
	PAST YEAR MDMA ('ecstasy') use	96%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
	PAST YEAR LSD use	98%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	PAST YEAR cocaine / crack use	97%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	PAST YEAR meth use	98%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	PAST YEAR heroin use	98%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

**During the past 12 months, which of these over-the-counter drugs have you used for non-medical purposes?**

		No	Yes: one or two times	Yes: 3-5 times	Yes: 6 or more times
		%	%	%	%
8th	Performance-enhancing or body-building supplements (Creatine, fat-burners, etc.)	95%	3%	0%	2%
	Over-the-counter weight loss aids (laxatives, Dexatrim, etc.)	97%	2%	0%	1%
	Other over-the-counter drugs (cough syrup, etc.)	85%	9%	4%	2%

**During the past 12 months, which of these drugs have you used without a doctor's prescription?**

		No	Yes: one or two times	Yes: 3-5 times	Yes: 6 or more times
		%	%	%	%
8th	Steroids	98%	0%	0%	1%
	Uppers (Ritalin, etc.)	97%	3%	0%	0%
	Downers (Valium, Ambien, etc.)	98%	2%	0%	0%
	Other prescription drugs (OxyContin, Ketamine, etc.)	95%	3%	1%	1%

**During the past year, how often did you get cigarettes or other tobacco products from the following sources?**

		I did not use cigarettes or other tobacco products during the past year	Never	sometimes	Often
		%	%	%	%
8th	I bought them at a gas station	80%	15%	3%	2%
	I bought them at a store	80%	16%	2%	1%
	I bought them from a vending machine	80%	18%	1%	0%
	I gave a stranger money to buy them for me	80%	15%	4%	1%
	I bought them over the Internet	80%	18%	1%	0%
	A friend gave them to me	80%	7%	9%	5%
	My older brother or sister gave them to me	80%	14%	3%	2%
	My parent gave them to me	80%	17%	2%	1%
	I took them from a store	81%	18%	1%	0%
	I took them from home without my parents knowing it	80%	12%	5%	3%
	I got them some other way	80%	8%	7%	5%

**During the past year, how often did you get alcohol from the following sources?**

		I did not drink beer, wine, or liquor during the past year	Never	sometimes	Often
		%	%	%	%
8th	I bought it at a gas station	64%	33%	2%	1%
	I bought it at a store	64%	33%	2%	1%
	I bought it at a bar or restaurant	64%	33%	2%	1%
	I gave a stranger money to buy them for me	64%	30%	4%	2%
	I bought it over the Internet	64%	34%	1%	1%
	A friend gave it to me	64%	19%	11%	6%
	My older brother or sister gave it to me	64%	29%	4%	4%
	My parents with their permission	64%	26%	8%	2%
	My parents without their permission	64%	23%	10%	3%
	An adult (other than my parents) with that adult's permission	64%	26%	8%	3%
	An adult (other than my parents) without that adult's permission	64%	28%	6%	2%
	I took it from a store	64%	33%	3%	1%
	I got it at a party	64%	19%	11%	5%
I got it some other way	64%	24%	8%	5%	

**During the last 30 days, on how many days did you:**

		None	One or two days	3-5 days	6 or more days
		%	%	%	%
8th	Drink alcohol on school property?	95%	3%	1%	1%
	Use marijuana on school property?	94%	2%	2%	2%

**If you drank beer, wine, or liquor in the past 30 days, what did you drink?**

		I did not drink beer, wine, or liquor during the past year	Never	sometimes	Often
		%	%	%	%
6th	Beer	90%	6%	4%	0%
	Malt liquor	91%	8%	1%	1%
	Wine	91%	5%	3%	1%
	Wine cooler	91%	5%	3%	2%
	Liquor (vodka, whiskey, etc.)	91%	6%	2%	2%
	Mixed drinks (margarita, etc.)	91%	6%	2%	2%
	Flavored 'alcopops' (hard lemonade, hard cider, etc.)	91%	6%	2%	2%
8th	Beer	77%	15%	6%	2%
	Malt liquor	77%	18%	3%	1%
	Wine	77%	13%	8%	2%
	Wine cooler	77%	12%	6%	4%
	Liquor (vodka, whiskey, etc.)	77%	7%	8%	7%
	Mixed drinks (margarita, etc.)	77%	11%	7%	4%
	Flavored 'alcopops' (hard lemonade, hard cider, etc.)	77%	13%	5%	5%

**How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they:**

		No risk	Slight risk	Moderate risk	Great risk
		%	%	%	%
6th	Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	18%	18%	25%	39%
	Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day	24%	27%	25%	24%
	Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	23%	19%	29%	29%
	Smoke marijuana regularly	21%	12%	17%	50%
	Smoke marijuana once or twice a week	25%	18%	24%	32%
	Use inhalants regularly	22%	14%	22%	42%
8th	Smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day	18%	14%	26%	43%
	Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day	24%	30%	24%	22%
	Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week	22%	19%	31%	29%
	Smoke marijuana regularly	28%	13%	14%	45%
	Smoke marijuana once or twice a week	33%	21%	22%	24%
	Use inhalants regularly	20%	10%	15%	55%

**During the past 12 months, how many times were you in a physical fight?**

	Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6 or more times
	%	%	%	%
6th	45%	32%	13%	10%
8th	48%	29%	10%	13%

**During the past 12 months, how many times have you ridden in a car driven by:**

		Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6 or more times
		%	%	%	%
6th	a TEENAGER who had been drinking or using drugs	88%	6%	2%	4%
	an ADULT who had been drinking or using drugs	74%	14%	3%	10%
8th	a TEENAGER who had been drinking or using drugs	80%	10%	5%	5%
	an ADULT who had been drinking or using drugs	65%	17%	6%	12%

**During the past 12 months, have any of the following been done by someone in a dating relationship to you?**

		I have not begun to date	Yes	No	Not sure
		%	%	%	%
8th	Abused in past year	19%	13%	62%	5%



**During the past year have any of the following happened to you due to someone else's drinking?**

		Yes	No
		%	%
6th	I have been injured by a vehicle	7%	93%
	I have been physically attacked	9%	91%
	I have been threatened	22%	78%
8th	I have been injured by a vehicle	9%	91%
	I have been physically attacked	13%	87%
	I have been threatened	24%	76%

**During the past year, in which of the following ways has another teen's drinking affected you?**

		Yes	No
		%	%
8th	It made me feel unsafe	27%	73%
	It made learning harder	17%	83%

**How wrong do you think it is for someone your age to:**

		Very wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not wrong at all
		%	%	%	%
6th	Drink alcohol regularly	76%	14%	6%	4%
	Smoke cigarettes?	75%	16%	7%	3%
	Smoke marijuana?	82%	10%	4%	4%
	Use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines or another illegal drug?	92%	6%	2%	1%
8th	Drink alcohol regularly	52%	22%	19%	7%
	Smoke cigarettes?	57%	20%	15%	7%
	Smoke marijuana?	56%	14%	16%	14%
	Use LSD, cocaine, amphetamines or another illegal drug?	86%	9%	2%	3%

**Do you currently belong to a street gang?**

	Yes	No
	%	%
8th	16%	84%

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**How many times in the past year (12 months) have you:**

		Never	1 or 2 times	3 to 5 times	6 to 9 times	10 to 19 times	20 or more times
		%	%	%	%	%	%
8th	Carried a weapon such as a handgun, knife or club?	73%	13%	4%	1%	2%	7%
	Sold illegal drugs?	89%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%
	Been drunk or high at school?	80%	8%	4%	2%	2%	4%

**During the past 12 months, has another student at school:**

		Yes	No
		%	%
6th	Bullied you by calling you names?	43%	57%
	Threatened to hurt you?	28%	72%
	Bullied you by hitting, punching, kicking, or pushing you?	23%	77%
8th	Bullied you by calling you names?	39%	61%
	Threatened to hurt you?	31%	69%
	Bullied you by hitting, punching, kicking, or pushing you?	24%	76%

**What are the chances you would be seen as cool if:**

		No or very little chance	Little chance	Some chance	Pretty good chance	Very good chance
		%	%	%	%	%
6th	Smoked cigarettes?	76%	9%	7%	3%	4%
	Began drinking alcohol regularly?	77%	8%	8%	2%	5%
	Smoked marijuana?	80%	5%	6%	3%	5%
8th	Smoked cigarettes?	64%	12%	12%	6%	6%
	Began drinking alcohol regularly?	59%	13%	12%	7%	8%
	Smoked marijuana?	53%	9%	11%	9%	18%

**Amount of time child spends alone each week after school:**

	6th	8th
	%	%
None	49%	38%
1 to 2 days, < 3 hours per day	20%	14%
1 to 2 days, > 3 hours per day	3%	5%
3 or more days, < 3 hours per day	18%	22%
3 or more days, > 3 hours per day	11%	20%

**In the past 12 months, have you gambled for money or anything of value?**

	Yes	No
	%	%
8th	30%	70%

**In the past 12 months did you ever feel so sad or hopeless that you stopped doing some usual activities?**

	Yes	No
	%	%
8th	32%	68%

**Is there an adult you know (other than your parent) you could talk to about important things in your life?**

	No	Yes, one adult	Yes, more than one adult
	%	%	%
6th	13%	20%	66%
8th	19%	21%	60%

**How do you describe your weight?**

	Very underweight	Slightly underweight	About the right weight	Slightly overweight	Very overweight
	%	%	%	%	%
6th	4%	14%	61%	18%	3%
8th	3%	13%	56%	22%	6%

**Average Height and Weight**

	Grade					
	6th			8th		
	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N
Height (inches)	60.5	61.0	42	66.7	66.0	73
Weight (pounds)	109.9	108.5	42	158.2	140.0	72

Height and Weight data not available for surveys taken online.

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**During the past 7 days, how many times did you:**

		None	1 to 3 times during the past 7 days	4 to 6 times during the past 7 days	1 time per day	2 times per day	3 times per day	4 or more times per day
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	Eat fruit	10%	25%	16%	10%	14%	7%	18%
	Eat vegetables	17%	24%	17%	10%	13%	6%	13%
8th	Eat fruit	11%	25%	16%	12%	14%	6%	16%
	Eat vegetables	16%	21%	18%	14%	13%	5%	12%

**On how many of the past 7 days did you participate in a physical activity?**

	0 days	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	21%	10%	10%	13%	7%	11%	5%	23%
8th	17%	7%	10%	11%	8%	13%	8%	25%

**On an average school day, how many hours do you watch TV?**

	I do not watch TV on an average school day	Less than 1 hour per day	1 hour per day	2 hours per day	3 hours per day	4 hours per day	5 or more hours per day
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	5%	11%	10%	20%	19%	10%	24%
8th	9%	10%	10%	20%	18%	9%	24%

**In a typical week how often do you and your parent(s) or guardian eat dinner together?**

	Never	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days	6 days	7 days
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	14%	7%	7%	9%	7%	9%	7%	40%
8th	20%	7%	9%	8%	8%	9%	6%	34%

**Putting them all together, what were your grades like for the last year?**

	Mostly A	Mostly A and B	Mostly B	Mostly B and C	Mostly C	Mostly C and D	Mostly D	Mostly F
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
6th	17%	39%	5%	24%	4%	9%	1%	1%
8th	17%	44%	4%	20%	4%	7%	2%	2%

**During the past 30 days, how many days did you not go to school because you felt you would be unsafe at school or on the way to or from school?**

	0 days	1 day	2 or 3 days	4 or 5 days	6 or more days
	%	%	%	%	%
6th	88%	6%	4%	1%	1%
8th	87%	6%	3%	1%	3%

**How true are the following statements?**

At my school there is a teacher or some other adult who:		Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true
		%	%	%	%
6th	Really cares about me.	9%	19%	24%	48%
	Notices when I'm not there.	10%	20%	29%	41%
	Listens to me when I have something to say.	9%	18%	29%	44%
	Notices if I have trouble learning something.	10%	19%	27%	44%
	Tells me when I do a good job.	6%	16%	28%	50%
	Always wants me to do my best.	3%	8%	19%	71%
	Believes that I will be a success.	4%	11%	23%	61%
8th	Encourages me to work hard in school.	5%	10%	19%	65%
	Really cares about me.	19%	26%	24%	31%
	Notices when I'm not there.	19%	20%	29%	32%
	Listens to me when I have something to say.	17%	19%	32%	32%
	Notices if I have trouble learning something.	20%	23%	30%	27%
	Tells me when I do a good job.	12%	21%	33%	34%
	Always wants me to do my best.	11%	13%	28%	49%
Believes that I will be a success.	13%	14%	31%	43%	
Encourages me to work hard in school.	12%	15%	28%	45%	

**How true are the following statements?**

At school:		Not at all true	A little true	Pretty much true	Very much true
		%	%	%	%
6th	I do interesting activities.	11%	23%	32%	35%
	I help decide things like class activities or rules.	39%	35%	14%	12%
	I do things that make a difference.	22%	34%	22%	22%
8th	I do interesting activities.	25%	30%	26%	18%
	I help decide things like class activities or rules.	49%	28%	14%	8%
	I do things that make a difference.	35%	32%	22%	11%

**How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school?**

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
		%	%	%	%	%
6th	I feel close to people at this school.	9%	8%	18%	35%	30%
	I am happy to be at this school.	13%	11%	19%	30%	27%
	I feel safe in my school.	8%	6%	17%	34%	35%
	The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	14%	11%	17%	25%	32%
8th	I feel close to people at this school.	13%	8%	17%	38%	24%
	I am happy to be at this school.	19%	11%	22%	28%	20%
	I feel safe in my school.	14%	8%	26%	29%	23%
	The teachers at this school treat students fairly.	21%	17%	26%	22%	14%

**How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to:**

		Very wrong	Wrong	A little bit wrong	Not wrong at all
		%	%	%	%
6th	Drink alcohol regularly	88%	8%	3%	2%
	Smoke cigarettes	92%	5%	2%	1%
	Smoke marijuana	93%	4%	1%	1%
8th	Drink alcohol regularly	77%	12%	8%	3%
	Smoke cigarettes	82%	11%	4%	3%
	Smoke marijuana	81%	11%	4%	5%

**In the past year have your parents/guardians talked to you about not using the following:**

		Yes	No	Don't remember
		%	%	%
6th	Tobacco	60%	23%	17%
	Alcohol	62%	23%	15%
	Marijuana and other illegal drugs	62%	22%	16%
8th	Tobacco	51%	33%	16%
	Alcohol	53%	34%	13%
	Marijuana and other illegal drugs	57%	31%	12%

**Family Relationships**

		Never	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always
		%	%	%	%
6th	When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.	4%	7%	18%	71%
	My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done.	6%	11%	19%	64%
	Would your parents know if you did not come home on time?	6%	13%	13%	68%
8th	When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.	9%	15%	21%	55%
	If you drank some beer or wine or liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents' permission would you be caught by your parents?	36%	18%	14%	33%
	My parents ask if I've gotten my homework done.	13%	20%	21%	45%
	Would your parents know if you did not come home on time?	13%	15%	20%	52%
	If you go to a party where alcohol is served, would you be caught by your parents?	32%	21%	16%	32%

**My family has clear  
rules about alcohol  
and drug use**

	Yes	No
	%	%
6th	90%	10%
8th	80%	20%